DONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Behaviour Code
Dear Parents

We ask you to take the time to read our Donvale Primary Code of Conduct together with your child to help them understand our school rules.

After discussion, we would like you and your child to sign the Donvale agreement which is at the back of our behaviour code and return it to your child’s teacher by Friday 18th February. This will apply for the duration of the student’s schooling at Donvale Primary School.

Thank you for your cooperation

Donvale Primary School Staff
DONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR CODE

The Donvale community believes that in order to grow educationally, socially and emotionally children need to be in an environment, which is supportive, consistent and where appropriate limits have been set.

We are committed to:
- raising and sustaining the highest possible level of self esteem for our students
- giving consistent and positive support
- developing pride in our school
- developing respect and acknowledging differences
- encouraging teacher and parent interaction
- developing a united approach between the home and school
- being consistent and fair
- viewing student behaviour as a whole school responsibility
- developing social skills in students
- maintaining a safe environment
- developing anti bullying strategies

Ultimately parents and teachers must work together and consistently model appropriate behaviour for the code to be successful.
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
At Donvale Primary School we expect that students, parents and teachers will treat others as they expect to be treated themselves.

RIGHTS
Everyone has rights provided that, they also accept their responsibilities to be fair and act in an appropriate way.
We have a right to:
• feel and be safe at school
• be respected and treated with fairness and kindness
• express ourselves in an appropriate manner
• privacy
• work and play without interference from others
• expect our property will be safe
• be given assistance from others when we need help
• be an independent individual

RESPONSIBILITIES
We must accept we are responsible for our own actions and at Donvale we are expected to take on the following responsibilities.
We are expected to:
• help make Donvale Primary School a caring, safe and happy place
• understand the consequences of our own actions
• respect the rights of others
• give others a fair hearing
• be punctual and properly prepared for class
• speak politely
• treat all members of the school community with courtesy, respect and consideration
• allow others to work and play without interference
• do our work to the best of our ability
• take care of all property including our own, the schools and property that belongs to others
• be a good sport and cooperate with others
SCHOOL RULES

Help make Donvale Primary School a safe and happy place.

This means:

- reporting all accidents in the school to an adult
- treating people the way you want to be treated
- staying in the school grounds and not leaving without permission
- staying out of the school building when a teacher is not present
- playing safely and fairly with others
- not climbing on fences, trees, the skip or any part of the school buildings
- keeping dangerous objects at home and not playing with sticks or sharp objects
- not touching any dangerous objects and reporting the location to an adult
- not wearing jewellery to school
- not throwing sand, stones, sticks or other hard objects
- using the school crossing correctly
- staying out of the school car park unless supervised
- walking your bike and not using roller blades or skateboards in the school grounds
- walking in covered and passive areas
- not bringing chewing gum to school
- not using hard cricket balls at school
Cooperate and be considerate of others

This means:

- treating others with respect, never teasing or harassing them
- being kind and helpful to others and looking after children who are hurt
- not using put downs or calling people names
- waiting your turn in the canteen line
- not taking advantage of other children especially younger ones
- thinking about and caring about other people’s feelings
- being polite
- trying to talk through disagreements with others
- listening to others while they are speaking to you
- respecting other people’s privacy by: not playing games in the toilets, not pushing toilet doors when people are inside
- not touching others without their permission
- being a good sport
- practising behaviours that will keep ourselves and others safe
- respecting and celebrating the talents of others
Be responsible for your work and work conscientiously without disturbing others

This means:

- coming into class on time
- participating in school activities
- trying to do your best at everything you do
- completing set tasks to the best of your ability
- allowing others to do their best without distracting them
Help make Donvale Primary an attractive place to work and play in

This means:

- taking pride in how our school looks
- caring for, and protecting our plants, trees and grounds
- placing rubbish in bins
- no graffiti
- not wasting water
- reduce, reuse and recycle materials where possible
- looking after our school buildings, furniture and equipment
- only touching the property of others when we have their permission
- using school equipment properly and returning it after use
Be responsible for yourself and your property

This means:

- accepting responsibility for the way you behave
- delivering and returning notices between home and school
- taking care of your cleanliness and personal hygiene
- wearing a school hat outdoors in terms one and four
- looking after and labelling your clothes and property
- leaving valuable items at home
Always represent our school with pride

This means:

- behaving in a safe, responsible and courteous manner when attending excursions, camps and travelling to and from school
- being able to win and lose with dignity at school and sporting events
- following instructions of teachers, parents and children who are helping you
- being polite and courteous to visitors
- wearing correct school uniform each day
CONSEQUENCES

Each classroom has a set of classroom rules and consequences for inappropriate behaviour. These are negotiated at the beginning of each year and put on display in the classroom.

A lunch time timeout system is supervised by teachers for students who behave inappropriately in the yard.

The following consequences are used in the school:

- a warning or reminder
- conference with a teacher
- oral or written apology
- separation from others
- records of behaviour kept
- behaviour contract developed
- dangerous objects confiscated
- withdrawal from the classroom
- parents contacted
- referred to the Principal or Assistant Principal
- timeout at lunch time
- after school detention
- suspension
Donvale Primary School Agreement
Behaviour Code of Conduct

Date……………………………………….

I/We have read the Code of Conduct with my child/children. We understand and have discussed the school rules. We agree to support and abide by the Code.

Family Name ...........................................................................................................

Parent signature ........................................................................................................

Child signature ...........................................................................................................

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